GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2536
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2002
POLIO ERADICATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment about the steps taken by the Union and State Governments for thetotal eradication of polio amongst the children;

(b) if so, the results achieved by each State in this regard;

(c) whether the transmission of virus of polio is still active in some States of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of those States and the steps contemplated to help these States to completely eradicate this disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) The objective of the Government is eradicating Polio from the country and obtaining Polio-free certification by 2005. There has been significant progress towards achieving polio-free status. The number of polio cases has declined from 1934 in 1998 to 1126 in 1999, 265 in 2000 and 268 in 2001. Although the number of polio cases in 2001 remained more or less the same as in 2000, the number of polio-endemic districts in the country came down from 314 in 1998, to 192 in 1999, 89 in 2000 and 63 in 2001. The State-wise number of polio cases during the last three years is annexed. Polio is endemic now mainly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar which accounted for 216 and 27 cases respectively in 2001 out of total 268. Mop-up Vaccination rounds are being undertaken in high-risk districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during low transmission season and in areas in which fresh cases of polio are detected.

The Government has planned two National Immunization Days, all over the country and two additional Sub National Immunization Days in the States of U.P., Bihar, Haryana and Delhi during the winter season of the current year.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2536 for 31.7.2002 STATEWISE POLIO CASES 1999 TO 2001

Wild Poliovirus

S.No.	Name of the State/UT	99	00	01
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	21	0	0
2.	A & N ISLANDS	0	0	0
3.	ARUNACHAL PR.	0	0	0
4.	ASSAM	0	0	1
5.	BIHAR	123	50	27
6.	CHANDIGARH	2	1	0
7	CHHATTISGARH	-	-	0
8.	D&N HAVELI	0	0	0
9.	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0
10.	DELHI	73	3	3
11.	GOA	0	0	0
12.	GUJARAT	9	2	1

13.	HARYANA	19	4	5
14.	HIMACHAL PR.	0	0	0
15.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0	0
16.	JHARKHAND	-	-	2
17.	KARNATAKA	21	8	0
18.	KERALA	0	1	0
19.	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0
20.	MADHYA PRADESH	17	2	0
21.	MAHARASHTRA	18	7	4
22.	MANIPUR	0	0	0
23.	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0
24.	MIZORAM	0	0	0
25.	NAGALAND	0	0	0
26.	ORISSA	0	0	0
27.	PONDICHERRY	0	0	0
28.	PUNJAB	4	0	5
29.	RAJASTHAN	18	0	0
30.	SIKKIM	0	0	0
31.	TAMIL NADU	7	0	0
32.	TRIPURA	0	0	0
33.	UTTARANCHAL	-	-	3
34.	UTTAR PRADESH	773	179	216
35.	WEST BENGAL	21	8	1

TOTAL	1126	265	268